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# Body found near school

Police probe city's 19th homicide while children attend classes

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**When the loud crack of gunfire jolted Christy Woloshyniuk out of bed early yesterday morning, she said she didn't think much of it, as the sound of shots are becoming the soundtrack of her north-end neighbourhood.**

"My mom got me out of bed and asked me what was going on because she heard it, too," she said.

"I heard three shots really close together, then a guy hollering and cars racing to get away really fast," said Christy's mother, Joann Woloshyniuk. "It felt that it was that close that someone was in my yard."

Though police have yet to confirm whether or not shots rang out in the area of 70 Street and 132 Avenue through the night, homicide detectives scoured the area behind Balwin School yesterday morning where a man was found dead.

"At 6:55 a.m., we got a call that there was an injured man at the rear of the school," said EPS Insp. Terry Rocco. "We responded and found a person that appeared to be injured, but when EMS arrived, they pronounced him dead at the scene."

An assembly was held yesterday morning in the school's gymnasium for curious students and concerned parents, Rocco



Edmonton Police Service Forensics investigate the scene where a young man was found dead early yesterday morning in a construction area behind Bawlin School on 132 Avenue near 70th Street.

**"There's always gunshots around here ... I don't want to raise my baby in this neighbourhood."**

Christy Woloshyniuk

added. The playground was sectioned off with yellow police tape and recess was cancelled, though classes were still in session.

The body was not removed from school property until the afternoon, while children were still in classes.

"We just wanted to make things as normal as possible for the kids," said Edmonton Public Schools spokeswoman Jane Farrell.

The victim, who is described as a black male between 16 and 20 years old, is the city's 19th homicide of the year, police said. A

medical examiner is expected to find out how the man died sometime today.

"Oh my God," Christy said, upon hearing about the discovery of the body.

"Thank God it wasn't my brother, because he was supposed to come home last night and didn't. My mom and I were worried about it."

The 17-year-old girl is seven months pregnant and said that the closer her due

date becomes, the more she wants to move.

"There's always gunshots around here," she said. "We usually see gangsters walking around here in the middle of the night, and don't think much of it. I don't want to raise my baby in this neighbourhood."

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## Cops nab suspected thieves on scooters

**CRIME** Police say two men who allegedly broke into a business near 74 Avenue and 52 Street were unsuccessful in trying to get away from city cops yesterday morning in their getaway vehicle — a scooter.

Police said they nabbed one of the suspects after responding to a call around 1:50 a.m. before arresting the other suspect after a short foot chase.

The pair allegedly broke into one business while unsuccessfully trying to break into another business in the same complex.

A scooter considered to be the suspects' getaway vehicle, according to a police release, was also seized.

Jeremy Douglas Rhodes, 33, and Steven Derek Ackland, 36, are each charged with three offences related to break and entering.

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**Man admits breaking into Stelmach's barn**

A man accused of breaking into Premier Ed Stelmach's farmhouse in July pleaded guilty in a Vegreville courtroom this week. Silver Steven Bernard, 34, admitted to the break-in Monday in court. The man will be sentenced later this month. **METRO EDMONTON**

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## Local

**Electric rates to rise**

The Alberta Utilities Commission has agreed yesterday to allow EPCOR to hike its electricity rates by 5.1 per cent for its residential customers from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. The hike will work out to about another \$4 on an average residential bill.

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**Kids attack senior, steal car, knives**

**ARRESTS** Two teens were arrested in a grocery store Monday night after they allegedly attacked a senior to steal his car in the city's northend.

Police say a 12-year-old girl and a 15-year-old male youth pushed and kicked the elderly man on the ground in the grocery store parking lot, before they unsuccessfully tried to steal the man's car.

The attack grabbed the attention of shoppers, the pair ran into the store where the male grabbed two knives, police said.

The youths were allegedly brandishing the weapons toward staff and construction workers who were renovating the store, police said.

The 15-year-old is charged with robbery, assault, spitting on a police officers and possession of a weapon.

The 12-year-old girl is charged with robbery and possession of a weapon.

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# Police crack down on lead-foot drivers

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**Police handed out almost as many speeding tickets in one day this week as they did in the entire month of August.**

During a speed enforcement blitz Monday, dubbed Operation 24 hours, over 1,900 speeding tickets were handed out — just 200 less than was handed out in August.

"We decided that we were going to validate the speeding problem that was being reported to us by the people in our community," said Police Chief Mike Boyd.

In a one-day collaborative effort between Alberta Sheriffs, Air-1, photo enforcement and officers on patrol in cruisers, the rumors were confirmed: Edmontonians are addicted to



Edmonton Police Chief Mike Boyd speaks to media at EPS Headquarters, yesterday, about the recent Operation 24 hours, a city-wide speed enforcement blitz cracking down on lead foot drivers.

speed, said Boyd.

"I don't need to remind anyone that two weeks

ago, we had four people die on our streets associated with speeding," Boyd said.

So far this year, 19 people have died on Edmonton roadways.

In the 24-hour blitz, one speeder was clocked going 173 km/h in a 70 km/h zone on 91 Street, near where two women were killed two weeks ago. Another speeder was clocked driving 140 km/h in a 60 km/h zone down Groat Road.

Boyd said that the numbers are a testament to the theme of blatant disregard of many area motorists. He added that the numbers are astronomical and unacceptable and police will be targeting speeders to the fullest extent of the law from now on.

"It's time to put the brakes on speeding," said city transportation manager Bob Boutilier, echoing Boyd's sentiment. "Anybody that speeds is a stupid road bully."

**19th traffic death of year confirmed**

**FATALITY** A man who died after a motorcycle crash three weeks ago has become Edmonton's 19th traffic fatality of 2008.

On Aug. 19, a 40-year-old man was riding his bike down 137 Avenue when he collided with an SUV turning onto 95 Street.

The woman driving the SUV was not injured, but the man on the motorcycle was rushed to hospital with serious injuries.

A Medical Examiner ruled the Sept. 8 death was a result of injuries sustained in the collision.

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The government will pay \$11 million in new funding for scholarships. Most of the funding will go to the Queen Elizabeth II graduate scholarship program, which will provide awards to 1,000 students each year, up from 317. **METRO EDMONTON**

# Eight people homeless after fire ravages inner-city unit

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**Eight people are looking for a place to live after a fire ravaged a suite located in the upper floor of a home in Edmonton's inner-city yesterday morning.**

Fire fighters were able to contain the blaze that gutted the upper floor around 7:30 a.m. at the home located at 9535 106 A Ave.

The blaze that caused \$140,000 in damages is believed to have been caused by careless smoking, fire investigators said.

"My wife was sleeping, and I was making coffee and then I could smell smoke, then my neighbour was pounding on the door shouting, 'William, the house is on fire,'" said William Davis-Fennig who lived in the home.



Firefighters at the scene of a house fire at 9535 106 A Avenue north of downtown Tuesday morning. There were no confirmed injuries.

Davis-Fennig his wife

were seen in their sleeping attire on the street outside as firefighters

attacked the blaze.

Red Cross has offered to help the group.

## Control syphilis outbreak: Doc

ANDREAS MORSE  
for Metro Edmonton

Health officials need to be more aggressive in tackling a syphilis outbreak in the Edmonton region, said a high ranking doctor who specializes in infectious diseases.

"The syphilis outbreak in Alberta and other parts of Canada and North America continues," said Dr. Barbara Romanowski, a specialist of infectious diseases at the University of Alberta, during a speech with health doctors.

"This current outbreak has really got a foothold in the community."

The disease was under the microscope in Edmonton as Romanowski presented Long After the Fire

works — A Look at Syphilis, part of Capital Health's Public Health Works' Speaker Series.

In 2007 there were 255 cases in the province, forcing Capital Health to kick off an awareness campaign urging people to practice safer sex and to get tested as soon as possible.

Syphilis is sexually transmitted by vaginal, anal or oral contact. If left untreated, it could cause blindness, deafness, paralysis and brain or heart disease.

Romanowski said getting on top of an outbreak like this isn't always easy.

"Two hundred and fifty-five is a huge number of cases," she said.

"There are huge problems with bringing an outbreak like this under control. The challenge is to get the message out to the populations at risk and who knows who those individuals are."

**"Don't have sex without a condom."**

Dr. Barbara Romanowski

The last outbreak of syphilis in Alberta happened in 1984. There weren't as many cases 20 years ago and it's been under control since then.

"It's not going to go away by itself. We can't afford to be complacent, we need to be aggressive in getting it under control," Romanowski said. "What I'm hoping to say is don't have sex without a condom and if you develop any symptoms, go and get checked."

## Cops make murder arrest

**BROOKS** A man hiding out in Edmonton has been charged as an accessory to the murder of a man whose body was located in a field east of Brooks.

Investigators allege that the victim, 39-year-old Sharmarke Warsame and another man, 31-year-old Abdurahman Kerow, were lured to a remote location where they were assaulted by a group of men.

Sgt. Greg Ericson of the Brooks RCMP said the men involved are all known drug users and the altercation was in part to do with a drug deal gone wrong.

A number of individuals have been arrested and charged in connection with Warsame's death.

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## Edmonton Strathcona in tight race: Prof

ANDREAS MORSE  
for Metro Edmonton

The Conservatives may have a stranglehold on Alberta but Steve Patten, a political science instructor at the University of Alberta, says the New Democrats could surprise a few people in the riding of Edmonton-Strathcona.

"It's one of two constituencies in Alberta where the result is still up in the air," Patten said.

"It really depends on whether or not Stephen Harper and the Conservatives have a smooth and strong campaign and whether or not Jack Layton can attract voters."

In the last election back in 2006 New Democrat Linda Duncan lost to the incumbent, Conservative Rahim Jaffer, by less than 5,000 votes.

"Linda Duncan is somebody who has the potential to be an important actor on the political stage," Patten said.

"But it's what Stephen Harper, Jack Layton and Stéphane Dion are doing that's really going to make

the big difference."

Rahim Jaffer has held the riding for the past four terms, beginning as a Reform candidate in 1997. Jane Thrall will represent the Green Party and Claudette Roy will carry the Liberal banner.

Patten believes that the Edmonton-Strathcona riding will be a two horse race but it will come down to which leader runs a better campaign.

"If

Stephen Harper continues to run a campaign as smooth as it has been and Canadians are willing to endorse him again, then Rahim Jaffer is probably safe," he said.

"But if there are any bumps in the road between now and election day, and Jack Layton continues to run a fairly strong campaign and Dion continues to run a campaign, that isn't working as effectively as the Liberals would want, then it will be even closer than last time around."

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## Men linked to three robberies in one hour

**ARREST** Two men are in police custody after one of them slashed a man in the face with a knife during a robbery in the inner-city yesterday morning.

Police say the pair are also linked three other robberies that included six victims between the ages of 18 to 27 within an hour,

including the attack on the man around 12:30 a.m. near 118 Avenue and 71 Street.

The pair were located and arrested by the police service's Canine Unit around 1 a.m. near 117 Avenue and 83 Street, police said.

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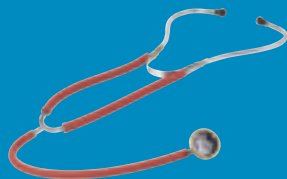


**N.B. death confirmed as result of listeriosis**

An elderly New Brunswick woman is the 17th person whose death has been linked to the same strain of the bacteria that caused a countrywide recall of Maple Leaf Food products, health officials confirmed yesterday.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada



## Alberta fifth in health care

Alberta's health care system finished fifth in the inaugural Canada Health Consumer Index released yesterday. The index is based on measurements such as wait times, health outcomes and value for spending. Newfoundland finished last, despite spending the second most dollars per person. Ontario finished first overall based on the set of consumer-oriented indicators.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Teen shot outside school

**A 16-year-old student is in critical condition in hospital after he was shot outside a Toronto high school, yesterday.**

According to Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, the 16-year-old was involved in an altercation "with a number of young men" when one pulled out a gun, fired and hit Taimone Moore in the abdomen.

By the time police arrived, Moore had fled inside before collapsing in a pool of blood in the main hallway. Blair said the teen was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital with life threatening injuries and is now listed in critical condition.

Dozens of students witnessed the brazen attack.

A person of interest was taken into custody for questioning around 4:30 p.m., but police have not released



18-year-old Stephanie Hendrie is reunited with her mother Heather yesterday afternoon outside of a Toronto high school that was in lockdown mode after an afternoon shooting of a student.

the name of the suspect.

At least three other males were involved in the

fight and ran away after the shooting.

They are being sought by

police last night for questioning.

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## U.S. bumps back Khadr trial

**WAR CRIMES** The U.S. military has reset the Guantanamo war-crimes tribunal of Canadian Omar Khadr for Nov. 10, meaning his murder trial will be delayed until after elections in Canada and the United States.

Omar Khadr's trial was scheduled to begin on Oct. 8, but a military judge postponed it this month amid defence

complaints that the government failed to turn over evidence.

The November trial date was announced yesterday for the Toronto-born Khadr, who was 15 when captured after a firefight at a suspected al-Qaida compound

in Afghanistan and accused of throwing a grenade that killed a U.S. soldier.

REUTERS



Omar Khadr

## News in brief

**SOLDIERS CLEARED** Canadian soldiers involved in the shooting deaths of two Afghan children near Kandahar in July did nothing wrong and followed proper procedures, a military police investigation has found. A vehicle that approached a Canadian patrol and ignored repeated warnings to stop.

**CAT KILLED** Someone set a cat on fire, killing it in Lower Sackville, N.S., RCMP said yesterday. RCMP said a man was awakened by a bright flash on his front lawn and when he went outside, he saw that it was a cat on fire. The man put out the fire and the RCMP are investigating.

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# Canadian student hits prime time

TRACEY TONG  
Metro Canada



**A Carleton University PhD student has played a key role in the recent discovery of the world's largest-known prime number.**

An international team called the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search — of which Ottawa's Jeff Gilchrist is a member — discovered the 12.9 million-digit number on August 23.

Gilchrist, 32, independently verified the number using one of the university's supercomputers over 16 days.

It is the first prime number — a number that can only be equally divided by the number one and itself — ever discovered with more than 10 million digits and qualifies for the Electronic Frontier Foundation Cooperative Award of \$100,000 U.S.

"It's very exciting for me," said Gilchrist, who is studying systems and computer engineering at Car-



Jeff Gilchrist played an integral role in an international team that discovered the largest prime number ever recorded. It has 12.9 million digits.

leton University.

"In the mathematical world, this is like an Olympic event where everyone is trying to beat the last record."

Discovered by a computing manager at the University of California, the new

largest-known prime number — written in shorthand as 243,112,609-1 — beats the last record of 9.8 million digits by more than 3 million digits.

The new record has wiped out six other-record breaking prime numbers

that Gilchrist has helped to verify over the years.

"This number's important because it breaks the 10-million barrier," said Gilchrist. "It's a big deal in the mathematical world."

"To get an idea of how large this number really is,

**"In the mathematical world, this is like an Olympic event where everyone is trying to beat the record."**

Jeff Gilchrist

if you printed all of the digits in a book, it would be over 3,200 pages long," he said. "That would fill the majority of the Harry Potter series of books. I find it fascinating that a number with over 12 million digits cannot be equally divided by another number except one and itself."

In itself, this particular number is not important.

"It's more to see what computers are capable of doing with extremely large numbers," said Gilchrist. "Prime numbers are used in some computer security systems. Some cryptographic algorithms are used for Internet security and e-commerce relies on the difficulty of finding large prime numbers," he said.

## Bail unlikely for Toronto man

**HEALTH** The Toronto man who was arrested after a hospital standoff over the care of his severely malnourished nine-month-old baby will appear in court this morning for a bail hearing.

But getting out of jail could be difficult because the Crown has said it will not consent to his release.

The 36-year-old father appeared briefly in court, but his case was put over.

As he was led away in handcuffs, he yelled that authorities are "trying to break apart my family."

The infant's 22-year-old vegan mother also appeared in court and was granted \$2,500 bail.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## News in brief

**TRUCKERS** The RCMP are appealing to truckers across North America to help in their investigation of the death of a man on the Trans-Canada Highway in western Manitoba on the weekend, CBC News reported. RCMP Staff Sgt. Moe Massart said investigators believe several truckers may have run over the man without realizing it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed

### What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

### Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

### What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

### Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

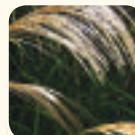
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## Spectacular Stampede statue

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# Blind love put to the test

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**No first date, no first kiss, and no meeting the parents — at least not before the wedding.**

One of Calgary's newest radio stations, Energy 101.5 FM, is out there to prove that love is truly blind with their theory — 2 Strangers and a Wedding. "Nice to meet you...I do."

"This is not a cheesy radio promotion, this is not a stunt, this is a social experiment," said program director Rob Mise.

The station is encouraging men and women in



Energy 101.5 FM Morning Show's Freeway Frank, Meg and the show's producer Ian pose with a possible bride and groom for their social experiment — 2 Strangers and a Wedding.

Calgary who have been unsuccessful in finding love and genuinely desire to be

married to apply.

"We are not saying caller six wins a wedding," said

Mise, adding they want to find the perfect love connection.

Although there will be no exchange of livestock in this untraditional arranged marriage, the station is taking this possible union seriously and taking precautions to ensure the safety of all parties involved including an extensive screening process and lie detector test.

Many aspects of the radio courtship will remain confidential, such as the identities of each potential bride and groom.

The wedding date has been set for Oct. 30, 2008.

## Researcher discovers millions of dollars available to Canadians

by James Ryder  
Financial Reporter

EDMONTON — The old saying "there's no such thing as a free lunch" may be true, but according to researcher Chris Johnson there is "free money" available for things that cost a lot more than lunch!

Johnson, who lives with his wife in Surrey, BC, spent two years digging into hundreds of programs at all levels of government in Canada — federal, provincial and city — and he discovered that "free money" does indeed exist. He also discovered there are thousands of private foundations and other organizations who also make funds available.

"When I first began my research," says Johnson, "I wasn't sure that I would find much. But I soon found out there's free money available for all kinds of things."

Here are a few examples of what Johnson uncovered.

If you're a business owner or entrepreneur there is money available to start a business, expand a business, hire new employees, buy new equipment, buy new vehicles, develop new products, fund new research, plus countless

other opportunities. There are grants, subsidies, zero interest loans, low interest loans and even loans you don't have to ever pay back.

If you want to get an education for yourself, your employees, a child or grandchild, there are thousands of scholarships, awards and bursaries to attend college, university or trade school. Plus there are hundreds of private foundations and organizations who also make funds available for education.

If you're a real estate investor, there is money available for down payments on houses and multi-family buildings, for closing costs, to renovate and upgrade existing properties, to help your tenants pay you, to pay your mortgages, plus many other programs.

Johnson showed me a huge stack of publications from all levels of government that outline the many programs available.

I asked him the obvious question. "If there's so much



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money available, why don't most Canadians know about it?"

His answer was right to the point. "Governments are good at putting money into these programs, but they spend very little money on making Canadians aware these programs exist. Most are not even advertised. And many grants, bursaries and scholarships offered by private foundations are not even listed anywhere except in obscure catalogues."

Johnson has compiled his research and is now making it available in the program **How to Unlock Canada's Free Money Vault**. Included in the program is what Johnson calls the "special key" to free money success — knowing when and how to apply so that you get the money!

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## Election 2008



# Don't fear majority: PM

Harper says strong mandate would allow him to run his legislative agenda

**Conservative Leader Stephen Harper is suggesting that his next government — even if it is a minority as he predicts — would govern as if it had a majority when it comes to issues of the economy and crime.**

At a roundtable discussion yesterday with about 30 ethnic media reporters from the Greater Toronto Area, Harper was asked to comment on the day's events — including bad economic news stemming from the U.S. and a shooting at a Toronto school.

Though he declined to comment on the school shooting, Harper delivered a defence of his party's position on gun crime that veered into how he would approach the next Parliament.



Two girls don't appear to be paying attention yesterday as Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at the St. Volodymyr cultural centre in Oakville, Ont.

He suggested that while a majority is not to be expected, it is also not to be feared.

In any event, he made

clear a stronger mandate would give him permission to run his legislative agenda as he sees fit.

"The other parties do not

believe in tougher laws against criminals," Harper said. "That's why we need a strong mandate. And I can tell you, if I get a mandate, including a minority mandate, we are not going to be as tolerant of obstruction of this," Harper said.

Asked how a majority government would change his approach, Harper for the first time appeared to open the door to a possible majority win.

He said polls "all show us in the lead," but not all the surveys show the Conservatives winning a majority.

"I'm not predicting a ma-

jority. I'm running to get a strong mandate."

But Harper then took a new tack on the message of economic stability that he has been pushing since the election began, saying he won't tolerate "sabotaging" of the government's economic

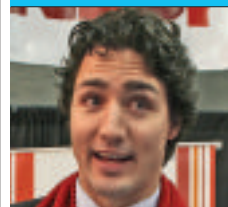
agenda either.

"In a time of economic uncertainty, I do think the country needs a strong government that is able to govern."

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**27** days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

## Candidate



Justin Trudeau

## Separatist group targets Trudeau

**CAMPAIGN** Justin Trudeau has been chosen as enemy No. 1 by a separatist group in Quebec. The Young Patriots of Quebec — which describes itself as an activist group of "indépendantistes" from age 7 to 77 and which also demonstrates frequently for the primacy of French language rights — yesterday launched its campaign against Trudeau, a star Liberal candidate for the Montreal riding of Papineau.

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## Heard on the Street: Do we need this federal election?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada



**Vern Dolinsky**

age 30,  
Edmonton

A: I think it is necessary because they haven't really been accomplishing much in Parliament. It's just a chance to reset everything and start from scratch.



**Emilie Sauks**

age 26,  
Edmonton

A: I don't think we need an election. I think Harper has ulterior motives that he's not telling us about, but I'd be glad to see him go.



**Kris Searle**

age 49,  
Edmonton

A: We haven't even seen a full cycle yet and they're already calling another one. It's not necessary; it's a waste of time and money.



**Roger Leborgne**

age 43,  
Halifax

A: I think we need to get rid of Stephen Harper. Just because I don't like his way of doing business. Nothing personal.



**Marie-Eve Claudia**

age 26,  
Ottawa

A: It's hard to tell if the population is satisfied with the present government. An election will confirm if the government is moving in the right direction or if people want changes.



**Claudia Bonifay**

age 19,  
Montreal

A: Yes. I want some changes in Ottawa. The campaign should be longer though so we have the time to know what the parties have to say and to make a clear choice.



**Tina Goralewski**

age 22,  
Toronto

A: Not really. Because it doesn't seem like much has changed since the last one and I think it will be the exact same thing in the next one (a minority government).



**Teri Freeman**

age 24,  
Calgary

A: I think this whole thing is kind of a waste of time. Everybody knows how they're going to vote anyway and nothing has come up so far that's going to change anyone's mind.



**Danielle Behan**

age 24,  
Vancouver

A: Yeah. With gas prices and everything, I think it's getting kind of ridiculous. I don't think the Conservatives are very focused on that.



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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion waves to supporters with wife Janine Kriebler and Toronto Centre MP Bob Rae prior to a press conference yesterday in Halifax.

## Dion pledges better medication plan

**No Canadian with a serious illness should ever have to go into debt or sell their home to cover their medication, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday in Halifax.**

Dion yesterday announced a program for catastrophic drug coverage worth \$900 million over four years. The proposed plan would be in addition to programs already offered by such provinces as Ontario and Quebec.

"We believe that no Canadian should have to choose between taking a drug they need, and paying for their other basic needs," Dion said at a campaign stop. "Unfortunately, this is too often the case today, especially in the Atlantic provinces."

Dion said people with

### High cost of treatment

- Treatments for serious life-threatening or chronic illnesses are prohibitively expensive:
- The average drug treatment for kidney cancer costs between \$6,000 to \$7,000 per month.
- A standard course of treatment of colorectal cancer costs \$40,000 to \$60,000.

cancer, diabetes, arthritis and other serious illnesses should focus on getting better, not on worrying about their finances.

In Sherbrooke, Que., Dion later announced a four-year, \$420-million plan to address Canada's pressing need for more doctors and nurses, including providing financial assistance

- Medication for rheumatoid arthritis costs about \$20,000 per year.
- Drug coverage in Canada varies from province to province. For instance, kidney cancer patients in some provinces pay out of pocket for some of their new drug treatments, but costs in British Columbia are covered.

to foreign-trained doctors.

Patient advocates and health professionals expressed cautious approval of the drug coverage program. Patient groups agree a national plan is long overdue, said Colleen Savage, president of the grassroots Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada.

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### News in brief

**HOUSING** Conservative Leader Stephen Harper pulled another election goodie out of his campaign bag, a tax credit on expenses of up to \$5,000 for first-time home buyers. Harper unveiled details of the tax break that would apply to the extra costs of closing a home purchase — one, he said, would save families up to \$750 and create jobs in the construction industry.

**DETOUR** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's campaign plane had to make an unscheduled landing in Montreal after taking off from Sherbrooke last night. "We are having a slight problem and we have to land in Montreal," was all the pilot had to say.

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## Layton plans full review of Canadian banking regulations

**ECONOMY** NDP Leader Jack Layton kept the spotlight on the economy yesterday, charging Stephen Harper's stay-the-course strategy was failing workers, especially in Ontario.

Layton took his tour yesterday to several manufacturing plants in the Niagara, Ont., region that have been hit by job losses.

"It's not just here in Welland. It's in London, it's in Oshawa, it's in St. Catharines, it's in St. Thomas, it's in Windsor. ... Right through the economic heartland of Ontario we

have a job-loss crisis," he told reporters gathered outside farm equipment giant Deere & Co., which will close its Welland plant next year, putting 800 employees out of work.

Calling the U.S. credit crisis a "wake-up call," Layton said he would launch a full review of how the financial service is regulated in Canada.

"Let's face it. We're facing one of the biggest financial shocks that we've seen in an awful long time here in North America and globally," he said.

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When you spend, you save.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed at a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday to hold further peace talks in the coming weeks, even though Olmert will soon stand down as premier. **REUTERS**

# World



## U.S. not ready for TV switch

U.S. regulators are unprepared for an expected surge in demand for government help from consumers needing to switch their television sets from analog to digital in February, a government report said yesterday. **REUTERS**

## Venezuela's Chavez revels in Lehman Bros. collapse

**CARACAS** Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez took a swipe at Lehman Brothers yesterday, chuckling over the firm's collapse and dismissing its past criticism of the Venezuelan economy.

"They were always producing negative reports about Venezuela," Chavez told reporters. "They forgot about themselves ... and 'boom!' they were bankrupt."

Many investment firms, including Lehman, question the strength of Venezuela's fast-growing economy, saying it relies

**"They forgot about themselves ... and 'boom!' they were bankrupt."**

too heavily on oil exports and is failing to attract foreign investment.

Chavez pointed out the economy has grown for nearly five years.

"Few people in the world say that," he said. "Lehman Brothers, for example, never said it, maybe that's why things didn't go well for them." **REUTERS**

## Congress dispute strands U.S. flood insurance program

**CONGRESS** Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby urged the House yesterday to back down and accept the Senate's terms in negotiations to renew the U.S. flood insurance program, set to expire on Sept. 30.

As Texas struggled to recover from Hurricane Ike and the Midwest from

heavy flooding, insurance lobbyists said Congress was locked in a standoff over the future of a 40-year-old federal program that insures millions of American homeowners.

Shelby said, "I hope the House will take our bill. If they don't, they're making a mistake." **REUTERS**

## Kidnapped reporters captured on video

**Al-Jazeera television yesterday aired a video showing a Canadian and an Australian journalist kidnapped in Somalia last month, and said the pair were appealing to their governments to work for their release.**

Canadian Amanda Lindhout, 27, Australian Nigel Brennan and Somali reporter Abdifatah Mohammed Elmi, working as their translator, were seized on Aug. 23 by gunmen near Mogadishu.

The video showed Lindhout, wearing a long robe, and her colleague along



Amanda Lindhout

with armed men. She was speaking to camera but the audio track was not aired.

The television said the kidnappers, calling themselves Mujahideen of Somalia, accused Canada and Australia of "taking part in

the destruction of Somalia" and demanded that they review their policies.

An official for the group Reporters Without Borders said last week that the kidnappers were seeking \$2.5 million U.S. for the return of the captives.

Somalia's Islamist insurgents have denied being behind the kidnapping.

Abductions are common in the lawless Horn of Africa nation, where Islamist insurgents have been fighting the interim government and its Ethiopian military allies since early 2007. **REUTERS**

## Palin may meet UN leaders

**ELECTION** U.S. presidential candidate Sen. John McCain may take his running mate Sarah Palin to the United Nations next week, UN officials said yesterday, to give her the chance to meet a few world leaders.

Several UN officials told Reuters that they were preparing for a possible visit by the Republican candidates next Tuesday, the day President Bush and one of his main foes, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, address the 192 UN member states.

McCain campaign officials declined to comment on the possible visit.

The Wall Street Journal cited an unnamed Republican strategist as saying a visit to the United Nations would boost the Alaska governor's foreign policy credentials. **REUTERS**

## Pakistani militants bombed

**BOMBINGS** Pakistani aircraft bombed militant strongholds yesterday, killing 14 insurgents, and a suicide car-bomber attacked security forces, killing three soldiers, military officials said.

The violence came as the top U.S. military officer, Admiral Mike Mullen, arrived in Pakistan, where

stepped-up U.S. strikes on militants on the Pakistani side of the Afghan border have angered Islamabad and strained relations between the two allies.

U.S. officials say Taliban and al-Qaida-linked fighters use ethnic Pashtun tribal regions on the Pakistani side of the border as a springboard for attacks in

to Afghanistan.

An intensifying insurgency in Afghanistan has raised fears, leading to more cross-border U.S. strikes on militants.

Mullen said this month he was "looking at a new, more comprehensive strategy" that would include Pakistan's tribal areas. **REUTERS**

## UN guests

Other world leaders expected to address the UN meeting are French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili. **REUTERS**

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## Australia Service hopes sex sells



An Australian postal worker drives in front of a billboard with women dressed in underwear in Sydney. An Australian dating service has been plastering images of single people dressed only in their underwear on billboards across the nation.

## Lesbian movie going 'straight' to theatres

**MOVIES** I Can't Think Straight, a cross-cultural lesbian romantic comedy written, directed and produced entirely by women, has been picked up for North American distribution by indie Here! Films.

The film charts the unexpected romance between Palestinian Christian Tala and Indian Muslim Leyla. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**STUDY** Bisphenol A, a chemical common in plastic food and beverage containers, baby bottles and as a coating inside food cans, has been linked to health problems in humans such as heart disease, and diabetes, a major study found.

**RELIGION** Catholic churches across the U.S. are praying for change as the Catholic denomination in the U.S. close admit shifting demographic and lawsuits draining cash. **REUTERS**



**Deacon goes old-school with new collections**

Designer Gilles Deacon wowed crowds with his latest collection yesterday, featuring helmets resembling the video game character Pac-Man. **REUTERS**

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REUTERS / DAVID GRAY

A woman gives her grandson water as she waits along with hundreds of other local residents at the headquarters of the Sanlu Group to receive a refund in the city of Shijiazhuang yesterday.

# Milk recalled in China

## Two babies killed by contaminated formula

**Thousands of mothers from China have flocked to Hong Kong to buy milk powder manufactured overseas, as a tainted milk powder scandal spreads, media said yesterday.**

Pharmacies and supermarkets along the rail line linking Hong Kong to the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen experienced "panic buying of overseas

milk powder brands", the South China Morning Post reported.

Lau Oi-kwok, chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Pharmacy, said mainland mothers were "restricted to a maximum of three cans at each pharmacy" to ensure supplies wouldn't run out for Hong Kong mothers.

Chinese officials have or-

dered a nationwide probe into all baby milk powders after hundreds of infants developed kidney stones after drinking tainted formula made by the Sanlu group. Two have died.

Twenty percent of Chinese dairy firms probed in the wake of the health scandal have been found to have produced melamine-tainted formula. **REUTERS**

# Schwarzenegger vows he'll veto state budget

**CALIFORNIA** California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said yesterday he would veto the state budget passed by lawmakers early in the morning after a record delay because it fell short of one of his key demands, and lawmakers said they are prepared to override his decision.

"Enough is enough," the Republican governor said during a press event broadcast online. "I will veto it."

"It's not a fiscally responsible budget," he added, rebuking Republican lawmakers who voted for it. "The people of California deserve better."

The announcement by the actor-turned-politician amounts to little more than political theatre, as the legislature has enough votes to override his veto after passing its bipartisan budget plan, top lawmakers from both parties said. The budget passed easily in both the state Senate and Assembly.

"Frankly, a veto simply puts the governor in the starring role in California's financial disaster," said Senate President pro Tem Don Perata, a Democrat.

Senate Republican Leader Dave Cogdill said a veto is a "mistake," adding, "I will vote to override the governor's veto, as should every other legislator who approved this budget."

The compromise bill, sets \$104.3 billion in spending for the current fiscal year that began on July 1, achieved neither the higher taxes that Democrats urged nor deeper spending cuts Republicans wanted. Lawmakers exhausted by the impasse urged Schwarzenegger to endorse their plan, which gives him much of what he had wanted, including no tax increases, spending cuts and an agreement to allow the state to borrow from future state lottery revenues. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**NORWAY** The country's prime minister has pledged to donate \$1 billion to Brazil's Amazon protection fund, the country's prime minister said yesterday. As the first country to aid the fund, Norway will donate as much as \$130 million next year, but the money will only be handed over if Brazil demonstrates that deforestation in the rainforest went down in the past year.

**GEORGIA** A group of UN humanitarian agency officials will visit the Georgian separatist enclave of South Ossetia to assess the situation after the country's brief war with Russia last month, the United Nations said yesterday. The objective of the mission is to gain first-hand knowledge of the humanitarian and human rights situations and needs on the ground, they said.

**UNITED NATIONS** A former Nicaraguan leftist official became president of the UN General Assembly yesterday, urging that power be given to its broad membership and taken away from the big-power-dominated Security Council. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann called for a "democratization" of the United Nations and sharply attacked the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. **REUTERS**



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## Israel picking new leader

**The contenders to succeed scandal-hit Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert have been working to ensure their supporters turn out today for a party primary election whose result remains in doubt.**

Despite polls showing Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni well ahead of Shaul Mofaz in her bid to become Israel's first woman leader since Golda Meir in the 1970s, both camps remained cautious.

"We have people to encourage people to go and vote," one worker said at Livni's campaign headquarters on Tuesday.

At Mofaz's camp, an aide said: "We know everyone.

We know where they live. We will ... find everyone and get to them."

A final poll on Monday showed Livni with 47 percent to Transport Minister Mofaz's 28 percent, with two other candidates trailing, but Mofaz aides echoed the former general's own confident predictions of victory.

Analysts cautioned against reading too much into polls when only about half of 74,000 party members are expected to vote, creating the potential for surprise results. To avoid a runoff vote next week, the winner needs more than 40 percent.

Olmert, facing indict-

### PM hopeful

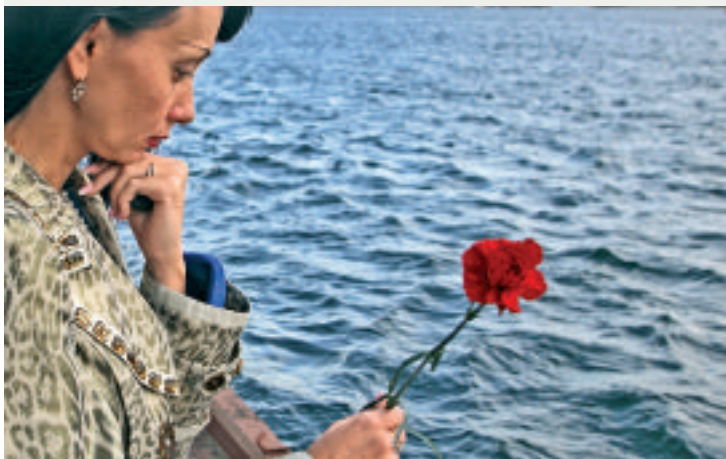
- Shaul Mofaz, who migrated from Tehran as a child in the 1950s, would be the first prime minister not of European origin.

ment for corruption, has said he will step down as premier as soon as Kadima has a new leader.

However, he made clear late on Tuesday that he plans to make use of his right to stay on in a caretaker capacity until his successor as party leader has formed a new coalition government — a process that could take weeks.

REUTERS

## South Ossetia Far from home



A South Ossetian woman, who now lives in Siberia, holds a flower on a ferry in Krasnoyarsk during a meeting of victims of the military conflict in South Ossetia yesterday.

REUTERS/IVAN MAZURIN

### News in brief

**CUBA** Political dialogue with the European Union has resumed following the lifting of diplomatic sanctions against the island nation two months ago. The establishment of formal dialogue could be the first steps toward normalization of relations between Cuba and the EU, which have been strained since Cuba arrested 75 dissidents in 2003. **REUTERS**

## Senator fails to overthrow corruption case

**COURT** Longtime Republican Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska lost a bid Tuesday to dismiss the corruption case against him on the grounds that the indictment infringed upon his constitutional rights as a lawmaker.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan rejected de-

fense arguments for dismissing the indictment on the grounds that the allegations involved Stevens' legislative actions, votes and decisions.

The judge sided with U.S. Justice Department prosecutors, who said protections granted lawmakers under the speech or debate

clause of the U.S. Constitution do not cover alleged criminal activity.

Stevens, 84, was indicted July 29 on seven counts of filing false Senate financial disclosure forms by leaving out more than \$250,000 in gifts he received from an Alaska oil services company, the VECO Corp. **REUTERS**

## U.S. woman found guilty of child-sex charges in Australia

**MELBOURNE** An American woman who flew to Australia and spent 10 days in a caravan park with a 15-year-old boy was convicted yesterday of having sex with a minor but released from jail. Barbara Case, 37, from Lyndhurst, Va., had already spent 112 days in

custody after being arrested in May 2007. The judge said further prison time would be too harsh, and ordered her home. Case, who met the Australian boy online, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual penetration of a child under 16. **REUTERS**



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**St. Lawrence Seaway says union has strike mandate**

Unionized St. Lawrence Seaway workers voted for a strike mandate, ahead of Oct. 6 collective agreement talks. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Emergency funds flow to banks as investors fret

Feds try to contain fallout from AIG, Lehmans

**Central banks pumped emergency funds into world financial markets for a second day yesterday in an increasingly fraught effort to contain the fallout from the crisis sweeping Wall Street's biggest firms.**

But concerted global injections of hundreds of billions of dollars failed to bolster sentiment, or prevent a surge in the cost of borrowing between banks, which jumped well beyond the level hit when the global credit crunch first gripped

markets in August 2007.

"The banking crisis is not over and we have potentially a difficult few months to get through right to the end of this year," said Padhraic Garvey, head of investment grade strategy at ING.

The interest rate banks demand for lending dollars overnight to other institutions surged above 10 per cent, signaling an escalation of mistrust as concerns over the U.S. financial system deepen. **REUTERS**

### In crisis

- Manulife Financial Corp. said it could acquire AIG's variable annuity business and other lines if the troubled insurer sells them
- BCE Inc. shares have dropped 9 per cent this week as investors worried that funding for the company's \$34.8-billion buyout may fall apart
- Sun Life Financial says it will take a charge on its Lehman investments totalling \$349 million

## Bell TV's late payment fee struck down

**RULING** The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has ruled that Bell Canada Inc. has improperly collected millions each year from satellite television customers who are late paying their monthly bills.

In a summary judgment handed down this week, the court sided with a class-action suit that claimed a \$25 "administrative" fee charged to Bell ExpressVu customers who were more than two months late paying their bills amounted to a criminal rate of interest.

The law in question prohibits annual interest rates in excess of 60 per cent and was originally intended to target loan sharks. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### In brief

**SURPLUS** Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says Canada will post a budget surplus in 2008-2009 of over \$3 billion due to strong government revenues. Even in a worst-case scenario of rapidly deteriorating growth, posting a deficit was out of the question, he said.

**EXPANSION** Shoppers Drug Mart said it expects to add 50 new stores to its existing 1,100 over the next five years, company CEO Jurgen Schreiber said. He said there is considerable room to expand in Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta. Some expansion could come from acquiring independent chains, he said. **REUTERS**

## U.S. markets Feds rescue AIG



Journalists interview an American International Group employee outside AIG's world headquarters in New York yesterday. Shares fell 48 per cent yesterday, and the Federal Reserve later said it will loan AIG up to \$85 million to stave off bankruptcy.

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Carolina Hurricanes centre Rod Brind'Amour underwent successful surgery on his left knee yesterday. Brind'Amour, 38, had torn cartilage in his meniscus removed from the knee, and is expected to be back in action for the start of the regular season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Bettman rips into KHL for Radulov move

**NHL** Commissioner Gary Bettman can't hide his disdain for Russian hockey and the International Ice Hockey Federation for allowing Alexander Radulov to play in the Continental Hockey League (KHL).

"I don't think the way the KHL or the IIHF has handled the Radulov situation is either fair, appropriate or in good faith," Bettman said following the league's board of governors meeting. "That's the reason we have reservations about doing business with the KHL going forward."

Radulov is the rising hockey star who is playing for Salavat Yulaev Ufa of the Russian-backed KHL even though he has a valid contract with the Nashville Predators.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Petitclerc golden in Paralympic farewell

### Canadian star claims fifth title in Beijing

**She is rolling perfection; Canada's gold standard of the three-wheel set. So, how appropriate it was yesterday that, when Chantal Petitclerc finished the 1,500-metre wheelchair race in Beijing and ended her illustrious Paralympics career, she broke away from the pack to cross the finish line all alone.**

After all, no one came close to her at these Paralympics, where she won five gold medals and set three world records. Few Canadians have entered her stratosphere as athletes or inspiring role models.

"When I saw I was on my own, it was like a bonus,"

### What a haul!

• With five gold medals at this year's Paralympic Games in Beijing, wheelchair racer Chan-

tal Petitclerc retires with 21 medals in all, and is the world record holder at four distances.

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## Schneider put on waivers

The Anaheim Ducks waived defenceman Mathieu Schneider yesterday. The move was made at 12 p.m. EDT, which means that the remaining 29 NHL clubs have 24 hours to pick up the 39-year-old rearguard or his rights revert back to the Ducks. Schneider, left, recorded 12 goals and 39 points in 65 games last season. **Metro News Services**



Canada's Chantal Petitclerc celebrates as she crosses the finish line yesterday in the women's 1,500-metre T54 final at the Paralympic Games.

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## Gloves come off for female sports fans

### YorkReport

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Women enjoy professional sports. They really, really do.

This is a generalization, I know, but it's a cold, hard fact if you believe what's written in a new book called GAMEFACE. The Kick-Ass Guide for Women Who Love Pro Sports.

Women "may not fill our brains with as many numbers as some male fans do," GAMEFACE says, "but we appreciate the intricacies of the game, understand its complexity and appreciate the larger implications of sports. We get it. Most of us just aren't quite as obsessive about it as some of our male counterparts."

So there. Women share our passion and co-authors Erica Boeke and Chris De

Benedetti do their utmost to prove it in GAMEFACE. Clearly, they did their due diligence and dug up what they believe females need and want to know to augment their apparent affection for sports. And their New York-based publisher, Virgin Books (please, let that go) provided them with 348 pages in which to get their mission accomplished.

The writers are life-long sports fans who obviously live and breathe this stuff and are determined to share their knowledge with fellow females. They smother readers with mostly riveting information in quick-hitting, easy-to-read fashion.

"Sure," the book says, "women sports fans don't mind that there are some fine looking men in sports, and we loved posting the 'Would you rather shag Tom (Brady) or Eli (Manning)?' question to our friends during the weeks leading up to the 2008 Super Bowl ... But women also

### Slump busters?

• On Page 126 of GAMEFACE, co-authors Erica Boeke and Chris De Benedetti tell readers all about "slump busters," when athletes go to bars to find "overweight, ugly women" for the purposes of sleeping with them — preconceived efforts to end their slumps.

love players for their hearts, minds, characters and gravity-defying skills."

GAMEFACE is laden with details about sex scandals, including a couple of old pitchers (Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich) swapping wives, and a one-night stand involving entertainer Madonna and ex-sluggo Jose Canseco.

There are stories about lousy national-anthem performances and athletes who tried to cross over into music, often embarrassing themselves.

The authors also discuss fashion in sports — raving,

incidentally, about the old Montreal Expos' chapeaus, which they called "very cool", and ripping the threads of the Denver Broncos, tennis player Rafael Nadal and sportscaster Craig Sager.

There's a nifty chapter on superstitions in sports, which describes not only the Curse of the Bambino (Babe Ruth) but also the Curse of Jessica Simpson.

The authors recount famous feuds, pranks and couples (NHLer Mike Comrie and singer Hilary Duff made the book). There also are stories about crime and drugs and cheating and ...

Yep, they cover all every woman (and man, for that matter) needs to know about the sports they love, and then some. The book doesn't hit shelves until October, but in the meantime, check out www.GoGameFace.com.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

### SCOREBOARD

#### MLB

##### LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 2 Toronto 0

Chicago White Sox 6 N.Y. Yankees 2

Kansas City 6 Seattle 3

Tampa Bay 2 Boston 1

Texas 5 Detroit 4

Cleveland 12 Minnesota 9 (11 innings)

L.A. Angels at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 2

Chicago Cubs 5 Milwaukee 4

Colorado 10 San Diego 3

Florida 5 Houston 1

L.A. Dodgers 6 Pittsburgh 2

Philadelphia 8 Atlanta 7

Washington 1 N.Y. Mets 0

Arizona 2 San Francisco 0

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota at Cleveland, 5:05

Chicago Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05

Baltimore at Toronto, 5:07

Boston at Tampa Bay, 5:10

Detroit at Texas, 6:05

Seattle at Kansas City, 6:10

L.A. Angels at Oakland, 8:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego at Colorado, 1:05

L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 5:05

Houston at Florida, 5:10

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 5:10

Philadelphia at Washington, 5:10

N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 5:10

Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 6:05

San Francisco at Arizona, 7:40

CFL

WEEK 12

FRIDAY'S GAME

Winnipeg at Hamilton, 5:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Calgary, 4:30

B.C. at Saskatchewan, 7:30

SUNDAY'S GAME

EDMONTON at Montreal, 11

### Sports in brief

**MLB** Ten players, including Joe Torre, Gil Hodges and Maury Wills, will be considered for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee, it was announced yesterday.

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# Travel

## Paddling underground

Heading to the Mayan Riviera? Adventure company Alltournative is offering a new half-day outing called Rio Secreto, or Secret River, for small groups. Equipped with helmets with flashlights, wetsuits and life jackets, the group descends to the underground river, where they can explore the caverns, stalactites, stalagmites, corals and other natural treasures hidden in the underground world. Visit [alltournative.com](http://alltournative.com).

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# On safari in the English countryside

EMMA E. FORREST  
Metro World News

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The experience starts



More than 300 exotic animals, some endangered, roam the grounds of Livingstone Safari Lodge in Kent, England.

with a "sundowner" aperitif on the terrace of your luxury safari tent overlooking the watering hole

where you can see animals close up.

Next up is a six-course authentic African dinner

in the "lapa" hosted by a Zimbabwean ranger, who will teach you all about African wildlife and the

conservation work done by the park to protect and breed endangered species with the aim of returning

## On the web

- Visit [totallywild.net](http://totallywild.net) for more information about Livingstone Safari Lodge.

them safely to their homeland.

You'll get a wake-up call and a coffee and croissants at dawn so you can set off in your safari 4x4 across the 100-acre African Experience reserve to catch the animals as they hunt for their first snack of the day.

You'll get your own, typically generous safari breakfast when you get back to the lodge, before setting off for the main park to meet the other animals in residence, including tigers, snow and clouded leopards, red pandas, howler monkeys, black rhino, elephants and gorillas.

# Smitten and surprised with Slovenia

## TheTravelJunkie

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Europe and I don't usually get along. Expensive, predictable and over-run with tourists, central Europe is a part of the world my wandering spirit and wallet like to avoid.

I prepared for my trip to

Slovenia with a little research. Bordering Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Austria, the Republic of Slovenia gained independence from the former region of Yugoslavia in 1991. A population of 2 million, most of them Roman Catholic, Slovenia has its own language, but English is widely spoken.

Since it's officially in central Europe, I had to expect the usual: Crowded attractions, octogenarian tour buses and an unforgiving Euro that kicks our currency's butt. Instead, I discovered Slovenia is a hidden gem. My trip started in Ljubljana, a vibrant

capital city that exists off the radar of most travellers. My days were spent touring the Old Town, and nights sipping local beer and debating with students about which one was better — Lasko or Union?

From Ljubljana, I travelled to Bled, a tiny community on the edge of Triglav National Park. Set against a backdrop of the snow capped Julian Alps, Bled "bleeds" medieval charm and romance. Visitors can take a boat tour to the church of St. Mary in the middle of the lake. From there, after walking up the 99 steps to the top



Bled is nestled in the foothills of Slovenia's Julian Alps.

of the cathedral, tourists have a chance to make all their wishes come true. Legend has it that if you honour the Virgin Mary by ringing the church bell three times, your wish will be granted.

From trendy Ljubljana to the foothills of the Alps, I found myself completely

smitten with Slovenia. The landscape is gorgeous, the city streets squeaky clean and there is a Mediterranean vibe of sophistication, without the pretension — or price of other Euro countries.

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# Automotive

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## Infiniti thinks outside box

### 'Coupe-inspired SUV' has both brawn and beauty

LORNE DRURY  
for Metro Canada

Every so often a vehicle comes along that doesn't fit in one of the standardized little compartments those in the automotive world like to refer to as segments.

One such example is Infiniti's new 2008 EX35, which the manufacturer describes as a "coupe-inspired SUV," and many in the business would put in the small, but growing, compact luxury sport utility class.

That may be as good a

#### 2008 Nissan Infiniti EX35

**Type:** Compact luxury SUV  
**Price:** \$50,050  
**Engine:** 3.5L DOHC V6  
**HP:** 297 hp

#### Highlights

- Great looks
- Handles like sport sedan

way to put it as any because it sure is sporty, but many would argue with the utility part of the equation because the EX35 is far from what one is used to in a traditional sport utility vehicle.

cle.

That's because cargo volume is limited when the back seat is in use and the legroom in that backseat area is less than what you would find in most other SUVs.

If anything, I would put the EX35 in the crossover category because it is based on the same platform as the popular G35 sedan.

But regardless of how you describe it or what segment it fits in, there is no denying the EX35 is one beautiful vehicle.

And because it is car-based, it handles like a sports sedan or coupe and

Infiniti's new 2008 EX35 is one of the new wave of compact luxury vehicles based on a car platform, in this case the G35 sedan.



due to its size, is easy to manoeuvre in tight city driving.

In short, the perfect vehicle for those upscale suburbanites who want sporty looks, above-average performance and a touch of luxury in a smaller wagon-style package.

Infiniti has also packed in a lot of interesting new technological goodies into the EX35, including the optional Lane Departure Prevention system and Around View Monitor.

My tester was a loaded model with all the toys Infiniti offers in the EX35. It topped out at \$50,050 plus freight and PDI.

Not a vehicle for anyone light in the pocketbook, but sure one I would love in my driveway.

It is powered by the same 3.5-litre V6 engine that is in the G35 sedan. The engine produces 297 hp and is mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode. The same all-wheel drive system utilized in the 2008 M, FX and G Sedan is standard in the new EX35.

Styling wise, the EX35 has the looks of its FX sibling. Sleek, flowing lines, the long hood and coupe-like roofline produce an appealing exterior package. "The EX35 is the perfect

fusion of a luxury coupe and a high-utility SUV," said Ian Forsythe, director, corporate and product planning for Nissan Canada Inc.

"It's 'right-size' packaging gives it excellent around town maneuverability, while the wide rear hatch and low load floor make it a versatile performer for everyday and weekend use."

Turning to the interior, the cabin is as beautiful as the outside with a "wave-inspired" instrument panel, high-contrast gauges with white and violet illumination, soft touch materials and pleasing hospitality lighting.

During my test, I found the heated leather seats were soft, supportive and comfortable. An eight-way power driver's seat and four-way power passenger's seat are standard.

On the road, the EX35 delivers a smooth, comfortable ride with brisk acceleration.

In terms of fuel economy, the EX35 is rated as 12.9L/100 km city and 8.5L/100 km highway using premium gasoline.

Similar to the G35, the EX35 has an independent double wishbone front suspension with stabilizer bar and an independent multi-link system on the rear with stabilizer bar. Steering is power assisted and anti-lock braking with Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) is standard.

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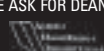
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Rumer Willis, daughter of actors Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, will be playing a character by the name of Mac Taylor in CSI: NY's 100th episode that is scheduled to air on Nov. 19. EW.COM

# Entertainment

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## Igor's monster mash-up

Animated film blends new, old themes

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for Metro Canada

From Kung Fu Panda to Wall-E to Star Wars: The Clone Wars. These days, computer-animated movies seem to hit theatres every other week. In such an oversaturated movie market, what will make Igor — a modern twist on the classic monster movie — stand out among the rest?

"I haven't seen anything like it but it reminded me of those old films I saw in the '60s and '70s," says the film's lead voice actor John Cusack during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"Old movies that were

around when the Beatles were doing Yellow Submarine. There was some strange animation back then."

A spin-off of the classic story of Frankenstein, Igor — it hits theatres on Friday — does add a slightly gothic take on the now common family film. Intended to have a style unlike most animated features, director Tony Leondis has said that he wanted "the world to be a collage of the Middle Ages and gothic England with a touch of pop sixties."

"I love it because it's different than any other animated film we've seen in years," says Sean Hayes (from TV's Will & Grace) who provides the voice for

the character of Brain — a brain in a jar. "It's got sharp edges and corners and it's not soft and flowy."

Where the look of the film lacks in, as Hayes describes, "flowiness," it does make up in a redeeming story. Igor (Cusack) is a slurring hunchback lab assistant who, with the help of Brain, builds his own monster named Eva (Molly Shannon).

Only this monster turns out to be anything but evil. Instead, she is a wholesome, aspiring actress with one gigantic arm and a heart of gold.

"I love that she was so sweet," says Shannon, most recognized for her work on Saturday Night Live. "She



Igor, a spinoff of the Frankenstein story, opens in theatres Friday.

keeps to her dramatic studies, working on her voice and her body and (I like) how sweet and innocent she is.

"Now I'm a jaded old broad but when I first started acting, I was really like that," adds Shannon.

"I couldn't believe I was in New York City, taking acting studies, having coffee and I was taking notes! It was such a fun time."

"I'm just starting this," jokes Hayes. "Now I'm taking notes. It took me a while."

## Hanks tribute

The Film Society of Lincoln Centre will pay tribute to actor Tom Hanks at its annual gala tribute on April 27, citing Hanks' talent of making "a good man compelling." IMDB.COM

## No love for Myers' Guru in India

### MOVIES

Leading Hindu groups are urging film bosses not to release Mike Myers' comedy flop The Love Guru in India for fear of riots on the streets, imdb.com reports.



Mike Myers in The Love Guru

Officials at the Universal Society of Hinduism, who spearheaded a Hindu boycott of the film in America, have joined with other leading groups to call for a nationwide ban on the movie, claiming funnyman Myers mocks the religion in the film. There are no immediate plans to release the movie in India and officials insist it's best left that way.

## McGregor mutes cancer news

PEOPLE Actor Ewan McGregor is playing down his recent "cancer scare," because his life was not in question, imdb.com reports.

McGregor attempted to deal with his basal cell carcinoma quietly, but word spread he was battling cancer.

"It is scary when you hear you've got cancer," he said. "I quickly discovered it's a very common and treatable condition. I would hate to say I had a cancer scare, because it's not fair to people who really have cancer scares. In my case, my mortality wasn't called into question."

## Metallica set to top U.S. chart

MUSIC Metallica's first album in five years will take the No. 1 slot on the U.S. pop chart when sales data are issued today, according to preliminary estimates, Reuters reports.

Informed sources estimate Death Magnetic sold 450,000-500,000 copies across the United States during the week ended Sept. 14. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Intel Vision

**Rick McGinnis**  
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## critics' corner

### Gok's Fashion Fix

Even those who think fashion-related television is dull — who can afford those clothes, anyway, and what real person looks good in them? — will like this new series hosted by Gok Wan ("How to Look Good Naked"). He shows how to replicate designer looks for a fraction of the cost, while sidekick Alexa Chung stages humorous "road tests" of hot styles. Other segments include designer interviews and celebrity wardrobe prowls. Good times! 11 PM on W



### Wife Swap

A perfectionist wife, Terri, who insists on everything in its place and her kids' feet hitting the floor by 7 a.m. each day, trades places with Michelle, the wife of a bounty hunter who feeds her family takeout tacos and allows her kids to curse like sailors on leave. It'll be a shock to the systems of both families when the swapped wives attempt to impose their wills on the new households. 9 PM on KXLY

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## Celebrity Buzz

## Sienna fans outraged by 'affair'

**ONLINE** The fallout continues from actress Sienna Miller's romance with actor Balthazar Getty, MSN Entertainment reports.

Her biggest fansite, Sienna-Miller.org, has decided to pack it in because of her liaison with Getty, who, while still married, is no longer with his wife.

"We do not know the whole story behind this affair, and some may argue it is not our place to judge BUT when Sienna can cavort so publicly and so shamelessly with this man who is married and does have four children (including a baby only a few months old) with his wife, my respect for her

goes out of the window," writes the webmaster. "One minute she says she wants to be taken seriously as an actress and she's sick of all the false stories about her in the press ... and the next she's topless on a beach with a married man's hands all over her — come on Sienna, you know the paparazzi are going to be around. If she was serious about being taken seriously, she would, well, not display herself so publicly like this."

Unless a suitable replacement webmaster is found, the site will soon close up shop for good.

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## Victoria talks muse

**CAREER** Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham has written a heartfelt letter about her fashion dreams coming true — and how husband David inspires her new men's line, People.com reports.

"This past year has been amazing, not only as a mother and wife but as the creative director of my label dVb by Victoria Beckham," Victoria, 34, writes on her website. "In just under two years dVb has grown from a passionate idea into collections which are stocked in

top stores around the world — something I only used to dream of."

Fuelling her dream, as her label leaps the gender gap, is her spouse.

"The label grows as I do," she writes.

"Along with women's denim the dVb men's collection has just launched, and who better than David to be my muse!"

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## celebrity brief

## Thieves spare Moss' ring

**CRIME** Model Kate Moss is relieved a \$360,000 US ring was spared after vandals targeted her car, imdb.com reports.

The 34-year-old was stunned when thieves broke into her Range Rover outside her north London home, and feared her solitaire diamond ring had been stolen in the raid.

But Moss was delighted to learn the vandals only retrieved \$18 and a box of chocolates.

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So it sounds like **Victoria Beckham** has finally revealed the secret of her design success. She says hubby David, famous footballer, is her muse. Victoria ought to be careful about relying too much on her husband for design inspiration. All his ideas are bound to be so 'footy-focused' they may not be quite Project Runway worthy.

Allow me to do what I always do when I have no actual evidence to back up my thesis, and simply make up examples that I imagine may result.

*Jewel Protection Pants* are fashionable slacks with the interesting added feature: A pair of padded, crossed hands strategically sewn across the crotch. You'll never be ill-prepared for a surprise free kick again, even if it happens at the club.

*The Red Card* is an attempt to bring back the classy jacket pocket puff, albeit in the form of a bright red square that the dashing young dandy can pull out just like a referee anytime he wishes to banish an offending 'player' from the dance floor, a restaurant or taxi cab.

Because no outfit is complete without footwear, Rooney Runners, named in honour of dynamic but frequently imbibing English footballer Wayne Rooney, are basic white sneakers with a twist. They're tastefully splattered in decorative fake vomit.

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## celebrity brief

## Allen excited about album

**MUSIC** Lily Allen has revealed that her new album is to be released on Feb. 9, the Daily Mirror reports.

"I am so excited, we're getting all the artwork and stuff done and coming up with new and interesting ideas," Allen posted on her Myspace blog about her latest offering. "I hope you'll all love it as much as I do."

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## Federline warns Paris

**PEOPLE** Kevin Federline has warned Paris Hilton to stay away from Britney Spears, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

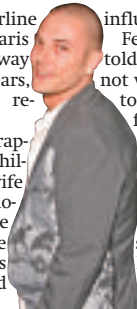
The dancer and rapper, who has two children with ex-wife Spears, told the hotel heiress to leave the singer alone because she does not need any bad

influences in her life.

Federline reportedly told the socialite he does not want Spears to return to her troubled lifestyle for the sake of his children, Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2.

"It was quite a chilling warning," a source told Britain's Daily Star newspaper.

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## Rihanna's troubled childhood

**PEOPLE** Rihanna rarely gets drunk because she was taught the dangers of booze by her reportedly alcoholic father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Barbados-born star recently revealed that her childhood was blighted by her dad's alleged drink and drug problems, admitting that as a

child she was often left to care for her younger brothers while her mother was at work.

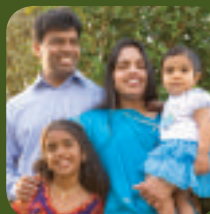
But Rihanna insists that the behaviour of her father — who left home when she was nine — taught her some valuable lessons.

"I'd go out and get drunk in Barbados, but I never went over the top," she says.

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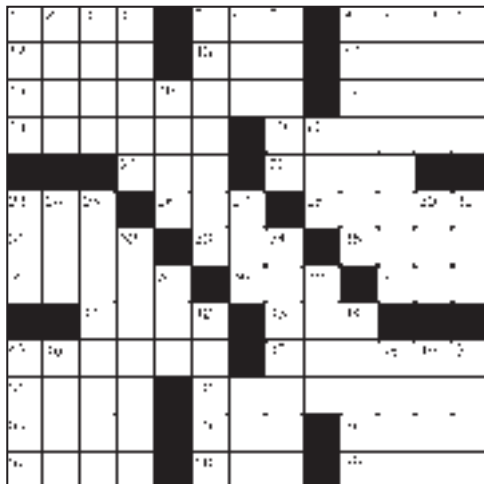
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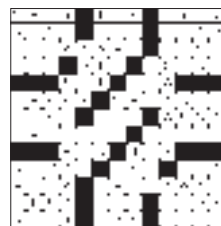
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- 1 Lone Ranger trademark
- 5 Tit for —
- 8 Big bothers
- 12 Killer whale
- 13 Miners' gathering
- 14 Unuttered "alas"
- 15 Muscle relaxant
- 17 Part of TLC
- 18 Wooden shoes
- 19 USNA freshmen
- 21 Lennon's love
- 22 One of the Jackson 5
- 23 Dancer Charisse
- 26 Help
- 28 Cockpit occupant
- 31 Raised platform
- 33 Prune
- 35 Farewell, in Florence
- 36 Make like Torvill and Dean
- 38 "A mouse!"
- 40 Weep
- 41 Actress Sorvino
- 43 Have a bug
- 45 Snuck a look
- 47 Nap
- 51 Mortgage datum
- 52 Oblique
- 54 Microwave, e.g.
- 55 A billion years
- 56 Dines
- 57 Twerp
- 58 Trench
- 59 Being (Lat.)

### Crossword down

- 1 1960s London subculturists
- 2 Met melody
- 3 Wound cover
- 4 Buzzing instrument
- 5 It's turned when plowing
- 6 Coach Parseghian
- 7 Lure
- 8 Spartan
- 9 Fiendish
- 10 Shrek is one
- 11 "Take Her, — Mine"
- 16 Sicilian spouter
- 20 Back talk
- 23 LPs' successors
- 24 Tibetan beast
- 25 Twice the radius
- 27 Buck's mate
- 29 Rowing tool
- 30 Plaything
- 32 Wages
- 34 Lowly one
- 37 Before
- 39 Chess piece
- 42 Venomous viper
- 44 Detached
- 45 Pt. of speech
- 46 Roof overhang
- 48 Responsibility
- 49 Uses a ray gun
- 50 Otherwise
- 53 Debt notice

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min .....Genius
- 13-17 min .....Scholar
- 17-21 min .....Smart
- 21-25 min .....Not bad
- 25+ min .....Keep practising

### Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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### Recipe of the day



COOK SMART FOR A HEALTHY HEART

### Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

This easy, one-pot dish of root vegetables and pinto beans makes a nourishing fall dinner and needs no accompaniments.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 small acorn squash
- 1 lb (500 g) new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 carrots, cut into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 parsnips, cut into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 large zucchini, cut into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 tsp (10 mL) olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra sprigs to garnish
- 2 cans (19 oz/540 mL) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (250 mL) apple cider
- 1 cup (250 mL) hot low-sodium vegetable broth
- Salt and pepper

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve the squash and remove the seeds, then peel the skin and cut the flesh into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks.
2. Put the squash in a bowl and

add the potatoes, carrots, parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle the olive oil over the vegetables and toss to coat evenly. Stir in the garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.

3. Lay the rosemary sprigs on the bottom of a large roasting pan and spread the vegetables on top in a single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.

4. Remove from the oven and stir in the pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover the pan tightly with foil, then return to the oven and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove the rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

**SERVES 6**

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## Horoscopes

## AVATAR VENUS

### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You can conquer restrictions without a struggle. A stroke of luck leads to success. Someone doesn't understand your opinions.

### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Request help from ruthless people. Surprise a friend with a thoughtful remark. Don't get carried away with a stranger.

### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

An important letter becomes a vexation. A trumped-up story creates intolerance. Define your standards for a sad person.

### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

You should expect affection from a youthful person. Trust your feelings when you have complaints. Friendliness wins over a self-righteous loser.

### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Rearrange your expectations of authority. An amiable man jogs your memory. Someone plays second fiddle to a lazybones.

### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

Try to wipe away your doubts. You'll be celebrating an excellent prospect. A friend's strange remarks will unnerve you.

### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A disagreement about privileges leads to changes. Get the facts straight or you'll make pathetic mistakes. Trust that things can be done quickly.

### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Don't refuse to admit overhearing a conversation. Someone is teasing a wishy-washy guy. A secret rendezvous will take its toll.

### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A challenge results from a misunderstanding. Inspiration finds you some noisy supporters. You'll have a hair-raising adventure.

### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

Start the ball rolling, because success is nigh. A man in despair talks of world weariness. Someone's feelings are made of balsa wood.

### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Try to get concessions from a virtuous person. Don't waste time or money. A failure can be a source of pleasure.

### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

You know more than you're letting on about something. A confident person will contribute staying power. A dreamer comes out in the open.

## This day in history

- SEPT. 17, 1630: The city of Boston, Massachusetts, is founded.
- SEPT. 17, 1787: The United States Constitution is signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- SEPT. 17, 1814: Francis Scott Key finishes his The Star-Spangled Banner poem.
- SEPT. 17, 1908: The Wright Flyer flown by Orville Wright, with Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge as passenger, crashes, killing Selfridge. He becomes the first airplane fatality.
- SEPT. 17, 1956: Television was first broadcast in Australia.
- SEPT. 17, 1976: The first Space Shuttle, Enterprise, was unveiled by NASA.

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